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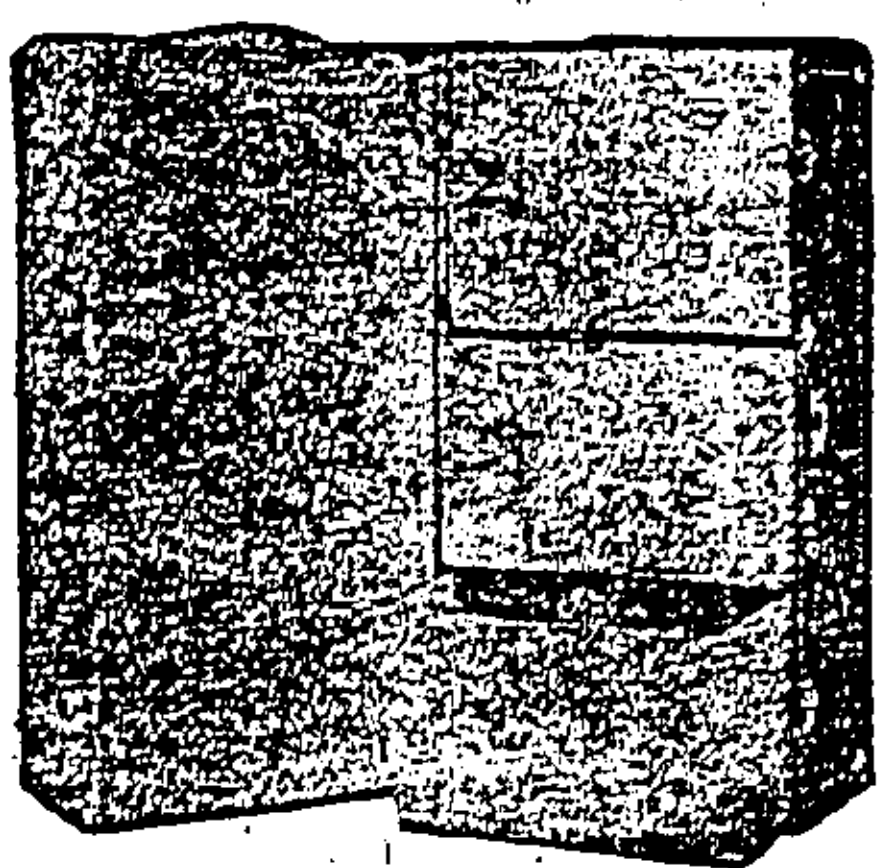
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BERLIN DEMONSTRATION.

Berlin, January 14th.
A message from Berlin states that the Police losses in the disturbances before the Reichstag were two killed, two missing and ten wounded. Twenty to forty demonstrators were killed and wounded. Herr Ebert has proclaimed a state of siege throughout Germany, excepting Bavaria, Saxony, Wurttemberg, Baden and in the vicinity of these places.

Berlin, January 15th.
A semi-official statement states that 42 persons were killed, and 106 wounded in the fighting on January 13th.

Berlin, January 15th.
Herr Noske has prohibited the publication of the *Freiheit* and the *Boten*. Further big demonstrations are expected in view of the declarations of Communist speakers, on January 13th, that the existence of all of them was at stake in the next few days.

The Independent and the Communist today celebrate the anniversary of the death of Rosa Luxemburg and Liebknecht.

It appears that the incomplete speech of Herr Bauer, in the Assembly in Berlin on January 14th, related to the rejection of an Independent motion.

The adjournment of the debate precipitated the outbreak. Herr Bauer asserted that Independent disputes were seen waving cloth and shouting to incite the demonstrators to storm the Reichstag. He added that the police were indulgent, but there were limits to restraint. When their comrades were disarmed, beaten, trampled and killed with their own weapons, the police resorted to action which was justifiable.

The Independent deputy, Herr Henke repudiated the Premier's charges, and declared that workers must fight a capitalistic Government to death.

The Minister of the Interior, Herr Heine said that the first shot was fired from the crowd of demonstrators, and a number of the shots penetrated the House.

SAVINGS MOVEMENT IN GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, January 17th.
The National Savings Assembly's first meeting yesterday to arrange county conferences was attended by ninety delegates from all parts of the United Kingdom.

A message from the King was read, emphasizing the economy needed now, and in the future, as much as during the war, the reduction of unnecessary consumption. The increase of production must be encouraged in order that the whole national standard of living may be improved. His Majesty trusts that measures will be adopted for the further success of the savings movement, on which the welfare of the country largely depends. The King hopes that the employers and the employed will increase the number of savings association in the works and factories.

RAILWAYMEN'S CONFERENCE.

LONDON, January 15th.
Mr. Thomas stated that the Railwaymen's Conference decided on the acceptance of the Government's terms by the narrowest majority.

GERMAN GOODS UNDER BAN.

MELBOURNE, January 14th.
The Trading with the Enemy Act, having automatically ceased to operate, the Commonwealth has under the Customs Act, taken steps to declare German goods as prohibited imports and German publications are also prohibited from entering the Commonwealth.

MELBOURNE, January 15th.
The Federal Government has prohibited all imports from and exports to the former enemy countries without the consent of the Commonwealth Minister of Customs.

AUSTRALIAN AIR SERVICE.

MELBOURNE, January 15th.
A Joint Air Board, representing the Navy and the Army is being constituted to take over the control of the present Air Service.

Mr. Pearce, the Commonwealth Minister of Defence, says that the question of Air Service must be reconsidered as a consequence of Lord Jellicoe's remarks.

WORLD'S FINANCIAL CHOS.

LONDON, January 15th.
A number of well-known financiers, including Mr. Hoover, Mr. Pierpont Morgan, Mr. Vanderbilt, and President Taft have sent an appeal to the Governments of Britain, France, Holland, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway for holding a great international commercial and financial conference to find a remedy for the chaos in the world.

The Chamber of Commerce in the United States, which was requested to arrange the preliminaries of the conference, suggested that representatives of Japan, Germany, Austria and other European countries, and the principal exporting countries of South America be invited.

LOST FRENCH LINER.

Paris, January 15th.
The Second Officer of the *Africade* declares that the ship did not strike a reef, but was disabled by two bombs, with the rudder, inoperative and with the machinery and electric batteries under water.

The *Africade*, cradled with full force, shortly after midnight, into a lightship marking the rocks at Rochefort.

The Second Officer believes that those landed at Lapallais are the only survivors.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Paris, January 16th.
The inaugural meeting of the League of Nations' Council in the Clock Room at the Quai d'Orsay, at 10.30 this morning, was of a serious business-like character.

M. Bourgeois acted as Chairman, having on his right Earl Curzon, Baron Matsui, Senor Da Cunha (representing Brazil), and M. Venizelos, and on his left representatives of Italy, Belgium and Spain.

Earl Grey was present, and Mr. Lloyd George put in an appearance, but left after consultation with Earl Grey.

On the motion of M. Bourgeois, Sir Eric Drummond, was formally installed as General Secretary.

The meeting also unanimously elected M. Leon Bourgeois as first chairman on the motion of M. Venizelos, which was seconded by Earl Curzon.

At the close of the sitting of the League of Nations' Council, a Commission of five members was appointed to delimit the frontiers of the Saar Basin. Three were nominated by the Council, one by France and one by Germany.

The Council's nominees were Colonel Wied (Belgium), Major Lambert (Belgium), and Major Kobunishi (Japan).

The sitting lasted an hour and a half. Public were admitted into an adjoining room with wide alcoves opening to the Conference Chamber.

The inaugural speech of M. Bourgeois as chairman, was a fine exposition of the aims of the League.

Earl Curzon, following, expressed the loyalty of the British Empire to the spirit underlying the Covenant of the League. He said that it was the intention of Great Britain to do its utmost to ensure its practical efficacy, and expressed his firm belief that only through the League could we hope to ensure that the horrors and miseries of the past five years will not be repeated, and that a new era of international relationships should dawn.

Earl Curzon concurred with M. Bourgeois in hoping that America may soon take its place as a member of the League.

On the proposal of M. Bourgeois, it was decided that the second meeting of the League should be held in London.

The date is to be fixed later.

"IMPERFECTIONS" OF THE LEAGUE.

THE HAGUE, January 15th.
The Government has submitted to the Bureau of the Second Chamber a bill reserving for the Queen the authority to address to the League of Nations.

An explanatory memorandum by the Government outlines the "imperfections" of the Covenant, for instance, the Netherlands, on joining the League, renounce their privileged position as neutral, and, also, the proposed permanent court of international justice is very much in the air.

The memorandum further suggests that small Powers have scarcely any influence on the constitution and work of the most important administrative Council in the League. Nevertheless, the Government finds adhesion necessary, not only because the Netherlands will, otherwise, be placed in an intolerable international position, but because, despite drawbacks and singularities, the League bears the seeds of development which may be profitable to humanity.

FRESH STORM CENTRE OF EUROPE.

WASHINGTON, January 15th.
In the House of Representatives, Mr. Baker, Secretary for War, recommended that America's surplus war supplies in Europe should be given to Poland to help her against the Bolsheviks.

He added that the Allies were considering participation in the movement to help the Poles.

General Bliss, a member of the Peace Delegation, declared that the revival of a European war was not probable, if Poland were unable to stand against the Bolsheviks. Military experts increasingly believed that Bolsheviks would turn towards Poland, and were of opinion that the United States should request the Allies to give the surplus supplies to Poland, because Poland was the possible storm-centre of Europe.

Military authorities believed that Bolsheviks would not attempt to press to the east of Lake Baikal against the Japanese, and instead of sending armies to India or Turkey, would probably try a military propaganda, this indicated a westward movement of the Bolsheviks.

KAISER IN A NEW ROLE.

LONDON, January 15th.
A further installment of "Willy Nicky" letters appears in the *Morning Post*.

The Kaiser, writing on June 3rd, 1908, exhorts the Tsar to conclude peace with Japan, and says "Is it compatible with the responsibility of a ruler to continue to force a whole nation against its declared will to send its sons to be killed by bombshells only for his sake?"

Writing on July 27th, 1908, the Kaiser holds out the prospect of an alliance between Germany, Russia, France, Austria and Italy, which would irresistibly attract smaller nations, and thinks that even Japan might be inclined to join the group.

"This would cool down England," he asserted, and "impermeability." The Kaiser says that the combination of the Dual and the Triple Alliance should "be well able to hold unruly neighbours in order to impose peace, even by force, if there be any. Power, here-brained enough to wish to disturb it."

FRENCH SENATE.

Paris, January 15th.
M. Leon Bourgeois has been elected President of the Senate.

A NEAT POLICE TRAP.

The story of how a gang of black-mailers wrote a threatening letter to the Tai Hing firm of jewellers, No. 212, Queen's Road Central, demanding \$600, and how the Police laid a trap and succeeded in getting two of the gang, was told to Magistrate Smith at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

It appears that the master of the Tai Hing firm received through the post on the 11th inst., a letter from a local gang of desperadoes demanding that the sum of \$600 be given to a certain society through two men living at No. 103, Third Street, West Point. The shop master was threatened that if the demand was not complied with, within a certain period, his firm would be robbed and the whole building destroyed by fire.

Getting alarmed, the shop master took the letter to the Police and Sgt. Murphy laid a trap for the black-mailers. He sent a Chinese detective to the house in Third Street to impersonate a *fok* of the Tai Hing firm. This man was to offer the blackmailers \$100 only. The man accordingly went to the house and asked for the men mentioned in the letter. One of the defendants answered to one of the names. The detective then said he was a *fok* of the Tai Hing firm, and informed the man that he was sent by his master to hand him \$100. He complained that business was very bad at present and his master could not afford to give more. The man at first refused to accept the money saying it was not sufficient to divide amongst his confederates, but eventually agreed to take the sum offered. The detective then said that his master was waiting in the road and would like to see the envelope in which the money was contained, change hands. The man refused to go down and was just in the act of opening the envelope when the other detectives came on the scene and arrested the man and his accomplice.

His Worship remanded the case until this morning, when after evidence had been taken from the detective and his colleagues, corroborating the story as to the arrest, and the shop master had deposed to receiving the letter, and to communicating with the Police, the prisoners were committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

VERY SERIOUS CHARGE.

Two Chinese living at No. 1 Yue Lok Lane were this morning charged before Mr. J. R. Wood with being in unlawful possession of a large quantity of morphia and cocaine; and with injecting the drugs without being qualified persons. They pleaded not guilty.

After a Chinese tailor, who acted as informer in the case, had deposed to going to the house yesterday afternoon and buying five-cents worth of morphia and having it injected into his arm by the first defendant, Sgt. Field went into the witness-box and said that at about 4.30 p.m., yesterday, he gave the last witness some marked money to go and buy morphia. About ten minutes after the last witness had entered the premises, he and some detectives forced their way in. In the room he found the two defendants, the last witness, four chair coolies and a seaman. He examined all the men and found that the last witness, two chair coolies and the seaman bore syringe marks on their arms. He searched the second defendant and on his persons found a marked five-cent piece, one of the coins he had given to the informer. In a small drawer, he found the syringe (produced) and 82 packages of morphia and two tubes of cocaine. He arrested the two defendants and removed them to the station.

His Worship remanded the case until Thursday morning when further evidence will be taken.

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DEATH.

DE LA SALA.—At St. Paul's Hospital, on January 19, 1920, Pilar de la Sala, dearly beloved wife of Capt. R. M. de la Sala, aged 42 years.

The China Mail.

COURT, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JAN. 20, 1920.

"BUSINESS AS USUAL."

The phrase in the headline may be remembered as an echo of the earlier stages of the great calamity which began five years ago. The repetition of it to-day imports something of melancholy irony for the thoughtful reader who takes a broad view of the world's activities as displayed in the newspapers. There may here and there be business. Indeed, in spite of most distressing news emanating from time to time from the dear home land, we are led to believe that Britain is busier than ever was before, and employing more people than it ever did before. It is the "as usual" clause that has become a dead-letter and a bitter mockery. Nothing is the same as usual. Nothing is the same as it once was. Nothing can ever again be the same. There have been hopeful people who were glad to think so, believing optimistically that as there was room for improvement, so this improvement must come as an indirect result of the world war, which was to purge mankind and refine it as iron is purified by fire. The signs and omens are not yet in their favour. In addition to awakening some of the finest and holiest emotions of which mankind is capable, the war has stirred up among the peoples strange and unrespectable passions, curious discontents and mutinies. We do not seem to be any more reasonably minded than we were before we looked into the grim mask of death, and had that grim opportunity of measuring life and its values. It is, strangely enough, in the territory of Britain's most dangerous commercial competitor that the seedling happens to be at present most apparent. Our American friends are having serious trouble with labour, although we British have hitherto supposed that in that highly-favoured land the lot of the average worker was to be envied. It is certain that there the pay was better, and the standard of living higher. To energy and to brainpower America, its constitution and its customs, offered a fairer, a freer, and a wider field for advancement and success. A business letter from

Chicago to the *China Mail* has an almost pathetic passage in its eminently businesslike text. "It had been planned," the letter remarks, "to start the advertising of their... with the first issue of January 1920, but, unfortunately, due to strikes, lack of coal, and other conditions beyond the control of our client, the production of... has been delayed." It is to be feared that very many enterprises, in America and at home, have similar tales of handicap to tell. Nor dare we lightly express confidence in the immediate future. The prospect of "business as usual" seems tragically remote as yet, however heartfelt may be our desire for it. To use a colloquialism employed by certain sick-bed watchers, the world must get worse before it gets better. It is to the ultimate recovery we must turn our eyes, meanwhile bracing ourselves to withstand as courageously and philosophically as we can the disturbances and inconvenience that must first intervene.

ADVERSARIA.

Lloyd George has, it seems, been pouring a little cold water on the enthusiasm of the Parliamentary Channel Tunnel Committee. He told them that an essential part of our strength is due to the fact that Britain is an island, defended by the seas. "An enemy cannot get at it." This must have sounded like a queer argument to anyone who lived through the air raids, let alone those with sufficient imagination to realize the nature of the development of aviation. The sea is no longer a protection. It is, on the contrary, the safest path for our future enemies, whose aircraft will be in greater danger passing overland than over sea. Moreover, unless the entente with France is to be a permanent one, Britain is in for a very bad time. Lloyd George on the same occasion said he believed in the League of Nations, believed it would succeed, but he was reluctant to risk out safety until it had proved itself. It was presumably a similar argument that led to the Anglo-French Treaty, and in his attitude to the Channel Tunnel scheme the Premier has rather belittled that, as well as very likely offending French public opinion. It is difficult to follow the meandering trails made by these party-political opportunists.

A novel by a Norwegian, *AN ACUTE REMARK*, describes a character who was a diligent reader of the newspapers, and who tried to break himself of the habit, so as to save his mental energy for his own immediate affairs. The author tells how he got away from these daily provocations. Those daily im-

ses to his mind that made him so wide awake, that gave him an excuse for anger, indignation, or offence—they were not here. He missed his daily "wrath." That is very neat. For quite a long spell the present writer was in the wilderness, never saw a newspaper, and developed the equable temper of an angel. To return to the breakfast newspaper was to simmer with indignation every day. It sounds silly, but is quite true.

Our University does admit to its lectures a certain number of outside students. It will yet do a great deal more in that direction. A man who is desirous of learning can learn a great deal without living five years in the seat of learning; and we look ahead to the time when adults will be invited to instructive lectures on politics, citizenship, natural science, etc. That will come when its endowments increase.

Nothing we have so far seen in print does justice to the new attractions at Repulse Bay.

Buy. The scenery we knew about before, and scenery cannot be reproduced in words. It is the remarkable good taste in every detail of the new hotel that we have in mind, a deserving adequate verbal tribute. It is good hearing, but lacks thrill, to read about clean tiles and filtered water and that sort of thing. There is a something about the ensemble of this new hotel which appeals to the fresh observer as being just right. This is the ideal home, the villa that we have all designed in dreams to be some day our very own. As already noted, the major impression derived from both ensemble and detail is one of conspicuous taste. There is artistry in designing homes, their furniture and decoration, and the Hongkong Hotel people had it here. When the newness has worn off, when the green grass has grown, we foresee world fame for this local Mecca of comfort seekers.

A very readable special article in *Truth* suggests that more men are rogues than are aware of it, and that the man who is a rogue without knowing it is the most dangerous rogue of the lot. One of the most humorous sights on this our earth is to see a superior rogue—often in a long wig—sitting in judgment on an inferior rogue of the common or garden sort. That's the point of view. Sometimes it seems more tragical than humorous.

Lots of men would tell you of you and bet on it. That A is not B, and can never be C. But let A be a man. That man can be a pedestrian, B, and cuss all motorists as road hogs. Their honking angers him, and as B he says they want all the road but shall not have it. You've heard him? Now that motor cars are getting so common, he can also be C, a rider in an automobile. Observe him then, cussing the stupid coolies who get in the way of his chariot, and give him palpitations of the heart. When A is B he thinks one way. When A is C he thinks another.

A rubber of Bridge last night was finished in three hands, without any doubling. That has happened before, frequently; but the peculiarity of this rubber was that it included two little slams and the grand slam. Does any reader know of a case to beat that?

BOXING.

On Race Week Saturday (February 14th) two Championship Contests will be fought under the management of the Boxing Association in the special Matched which has been built on the Volunteer Headquarters Drill Ground.

The Middleweight Championship of the Colony will be fought for between Seaman Hewitt, H.M.S. Alacrity, and Corporal Jack Mason, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. Hawkins. Sergeant Sky Kerrison the present Middleweight Champion has informed the Association that he gives up the title, and that he will in future defend the Welterweight Championship only, of which he is also the holder.

Stoker Eddie Walters, H.M.S. "Hawkins," who retired from his fight with Serret Sky Kerrison at the City Hall on December 13 last, having injured his thumb in the 11th round, will again meet the Welterweight Champion in a twenty-round Contest.

Corporal Jack Mason recently fought Rob Spiller, one of the leading Light Heavyweights at home, losing on points, and at the time of his leaving England was looked upon as a promising Middleweight Champion.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

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The trial of the "Motor bandit" case in the Criminal Sessions is fixed for Monday next.

Dr. Lindsay Woods was amongst the passengers who returned to the Colony on the s.s. "Sinkiang" yesterday.

Amongst those who arrived in the Colony from Shanghai yesterday by the s.s. "Empress of Asia" was Mr. F. R. Vida, the well-known jockey.

The annual prize distribution of the Peak School will be held to-morrow, at 5.15 p.m. in the Peak Club. His Excellency the Governor will distribute the prizes.

The meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association will be held in the Chamber of Commerce Room (elsewhere) at 5.15 this evening.

Last week there were four cases of diphtheria, three of enteric fever, and one of puerperal fever. During the 48 hours ending January 19 there were three cases of cerebro-spinal fever.

Lady Rees-Davies has kindly consented to distribute the prizes at the annual prize day of the Kowloon British School, which was this year fixed for Friday, January 23, at 5.15 p.m.

Surg.-Lieut.-Commr. A. A. Sanders who is to succeed Surg.-Lieut. Fitzroy Williams as house surgeon at the Naval Hospital, arrived in the Colony yesterday by the s.s. "Empress of Asia."

The Hongkong Tramway Company's traffic receipts for the week were \$13,444, or \$539 less than last year. The Aggregate Receipts for 3 weeks were \$38,632, or \$1,741 less than in the corresponding period of 1919.

Referring to the paragraph about two wolves being seen on the Fanling Hills, a *China Mail* reader notifies us that he thinks they must have been shot. He saw a coolie carrying two into Jardine's on Saturday morning.

A meeting of the British merchants of Hongkong, to receive the report of the Hongkong delegates to the Conference of British Chambers of Commerce held in Shanghai on November 5, 6 and 7, is fixed to be held at the Chamber of Commerce room, Chartered Bank Buildings, on Monday the 26th inst., at 3.30 p.m.

In regard to the demand made by the women of Canton for equal political rights with men, the members of the Women's Union in Shanghai have addressed a letter to the Canton Parliament strongly supporting the demand. Following the advice of their sisters in Shanghai, the women of Canton have formed a Women's Union, and have elected a Committee.

In connection with the reclamation of the Chingchow shores by the Macao authorities, Shum Chun-huen, the Chief Administrative Director of the Canton Military Government, has ordered Commander Lam Po-yik of the 1st Squadron, to send gunboats to prevent the reclamation work encroaching upon Chinese territory. It is also reported that the Tschun Mok Wingson, has sent several battalions of troops to Chinsan, near Macao.

BILLIARDS.

PALACE HOTEL BILLIARD.

In the above Handicap last night W. G. Gerrard—125 played a very good game beating C. Hsu—20. These were the two semi-finalists and were competing for the third prize, kindly presented by Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co. Kowloon. Gerrard compiled breaks of 22, 20, 18, 15, 14. Hsu could only manage 17, 15. The final scores were Gerrard 250, Hsu 225.

WEDDING.

JAMES MITCHELL.

The wedding took place, this morning, at Union Church, the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald officiating, of Mr. C. P. F. James to Miss R. M. Mitchell, daughter of Mr. J. Mitchell of the Sugar Refinery Company of Quarry Bay. Mr. J. Birrell officiated as best man and the bride was attended by the Misses Hanson and Jean Dalziel. Mr. E. J. Chapman officiated at the organ.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the Hongkong Hotel; at the conclusion of which the happy pair left for their honeymoon which will be spent in Canton.

SPECIAL CABLES.

SHANGHAI AERO CLUB.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 20. Major Brodie Clarke has been elected permanent president of the Aero Club at Shanghai. At a meeting held on Monday it was decided to tender a hearty reception to the Italian aviators shortly expected in connection with the Rome to Tokyo flight.

ORAL WILLS.

INTERESTING MISSIONARY CASE.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 20. Judge Lobinger has delivered an interesting ruling in the American court. Oral wills are invalid except in the cases of soldiers on service and sailors at sea. The case arose from Frederick Peterson George, who died last October at Singyang, Hupeh, bequeathing his personal effects, including his library, to the local mission in the presence of several witnesses. The court ruled that the property must go to deceased's estate.

STRAITS INCOME TAX.

[CHINA MAIL SPECIAL.]

SINGAPORE, January 19. In the Legislative Council to-day the Income Tax Bill was read a second time. The taxable minimum is \$5,000 annually at 2 per cent, rising to 6 per cent. on \$12,000.

CONSCRIPTION NOT DEAD.

NEW STRAITS MEASURE.

[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, January 19. The Legislative Council to-day passed the first reading of a Bill making compulsory the joining of the Defence Force by men between 18 and 41 for service anywhere in Malaya, except those over 35 forming the reserve. The G.O.C., in seconding, dwelt on the dangers of the spread of Bolshevism in Asia.

CHINESE PEACE DELEGATES.

RECEPTION AT HONGKONG.

The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce headed by the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak gave a reception to Messrs. Wong Ching Ting, Ngai Shun Cho, Lau Shung Kit, Mr. Hok Ling, Wong King Ki, Sun Cheong Hsun, Kwok Wan Koon, and Chu Chung Hon at the "To Yuen" restaurant, West Point, on the evening of the 18th inst. The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce were represented by the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak (Chairman), the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook and Messrs. Chau Sau Shan, Chan Kan Yee, Lo Cheung Sui, Sin Tak-fan, M. K. Lo, Kwok Siu Lau, Li Yuk Tong, Wong Yat Chuen, Li Po Kwai, Li Yik Mui, Li Yau Chuen, Chan Harr, Ip Lau Chuen, Fung Ping Shan, Chi Kit Ping, Wong Kam Fook and others. The restaurant was specially decorated with flowers and bunting to welcome the distinguished visitors who were introduced by Dr. T. P. Wu. Dinner was served at 8 o'clock. The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak made a very lengthy speech to which Mr. Wong Ching Ting replied expressing his regret at Luk Ching Cheung's absence being caused by leg trouble.

Mr. Wong first dwelt on the result of the Paris Conference on the part of China. He said that China failed in Conference to get consent to sending her forces to Europe. China was only allowed to have three representatives at the Conference while other smaller nations which partook in the night had a bigger representation. He described the absence of the Chinese signature at the peace treaty as "unavoidable." When the Powers first heard of China's withdrawal they thought that China was only taking a threatening attitude. Much to their surprise they found, at the signing of the treaty, that China was actually not present. Regarding the Bolshevist activity Mr. Wong advised that their example should never be taken. As a citizen one should form part of the backbone of his country. If every one followed the Bolshevist the nation will be backboneless. In conclusion he addressed the Hon. Messrs. Lau Chu Pak and Ho Fook as the backbone of China. The gathering closed with cheers for the President of China and for H. M. the King.

Mr. Wong left for Canton by a Chinese Gunboat at 12 midnight.

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KOWLOON COMMENTS.

(By THE KOWLOONIC.)

The K.C.C. (Golf Section) 1919 "Bogey Cup" play off is fixed for Feb. 22, and the "Eclectic Cup" play off for Feb. 15.

The first round of the "Captains Cup" will be played on Feb. 29.

The England versus Scotland match takes place next Sunday. Somebody said it will be a "Braw bracht moon-lacht nacht."

It is expected that the match with the U.S.R.C. will take place on Feb. 1.

The "Mac's Cup" has now reached the semi-final stage. K. R. Macaskill plays Dr. Woodman and H. E. Stephens either J. C. Thatcher or Dr. G. Nicoll.

A new cup has been put up—the "Paget Cup" for handicaps of 16 and over. Entries close on January 31.

The draft rules of the Kowloon Residents' Association, which are to be discussed at to-night's meeting have now been circulated. The objects of the association are stated as follows:

(a) the general betterment of the conditions of residence in Kowloon and the adjacent territories, with special regard to Housing, Education, Lighting, Sanitation, Water Supply, Police Protection, Communications, Public Works, etc., etc.

(b) to consider, and if thought desirable, to make representation to the Government with regard to the annual financial Estimates affecting these districts;

(c) to consider, and as may from time to time appear needful, approach the Government with a view to obtaining adequate representation of these districts on the Legislature;

(d) to do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of all or any of the above objects.

The Rev. G. R. Lindsay and Mrs. Lindsay will be "at home" to the members of St. Andrew's Church, on Friday afternoon, January 30, and the annual general meeting will be held in the Church Hall at 6 p.m.

The annual prize distribution of the Kowloon British School takes place on Friday 23rd inst., at 5.15 p.m., Lady Rees Davies presenting the prizes.

Buy a K.C.C. debenture! There are, apparently, a large number of opera enthusiasts living in Kowloon and the atmosphere in the smoking room of the Star Ferry boats, at night time, has been quite musical, the merits of players and plays being eagerly discussed. The Ferry management has been most thoughtful in putting on extra late boats when necessary.

There are signs that the days of Victoria View are numbered, for during the past week several Chinese business men have been seen carefully examining the site; their actions intimating that their ideas could mean nothing else than contemplated purchase. The building has been in the market for some time but there have been hitches with regard to the price.

Despite their many superior qualities as compared with the rest of the universe Kowloonites are not altogether guiltless in the matter of gossip. A certain Mr. Z. has recently been seen in the company of a very charming Kowloon lady, Miss X. The friendship is quite platonic; it really amounts to a chat over topics of mutual interest when meeting on the ferry. This is what is has got to be.

Kowloon Gentleman:—Good morning Mrs. Kowloon Lady! A cold journey on the ferry these days!

Kowloon Lady:—Yes, it is rather cold isn't it?

K. G.:—Oh, I say is Mr. Z engaged to Miss X do you know?

K. L.:—I am sure I do not know. I believe they are friendly.

K. G. Oh, I hear they are engaged and shortly to be married and that Mr. Z is looking out for a flat in Kowloon.

K. L. Indeed!

What actually happened.—Mr. Z, as stated, meets Miss X occasionally on the ferry. One day, Mr. Z's sister accompanied a lady friend (who intends to set up housekeeping in Kowloon with her brother) on a house hunt. They selected an empty flat as being adaptable to requirements but could find nobody from whom terms could be secured. Miss Z, asks her brother if he knows the landlords. Mr. Z, being a business man, does, and to oblige his sister rings up and asks terms. That's all. So let the good work go on.

Buy a K.C.C. debenture!

Kowloonites need have no fear that they are likely to be subject to frequent unannounced stoppages of their water supply in the mornings as they might be led to expect from alarmist paragraphs. The stoppage on Sunday morning was due to the bursting of one of the new pipes on the Tai Po road in connection with the main which supplies the whole of Kowloon, and it was imperative that the water supply be immediately cut off to enable repairs to be effected, and, of course, it was impossible to give notification. It must be said that everything is being done to better the water supply on the peninsula and we have had our growth, but now the P.W.D. has the matter well in hand we must have a little patience. It must also be remarked that whilst the operations have been going on the unnoticed stoppages of the supply have been remarkably few.

ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

SIX PROSECUTIONS.

Hongkong hangs up a variation of a familiar sign: "Traffic in arms, not admitted." The arrival of the "Empress of Asia" from America yesterday, was productive of six arms and ammunition prosecutions before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy this morning.

The first case called was that in which a Chinese was charged with the possession of 600 rounds of 22 calibre revolver ammunition.

Mr. Leo d'Almada who appeared for the defence said that his client who had been in America for a good number of years, was returning to his home in the country and brought the ammunition with him. Counsel said that the ammunition was of a very small calibre, and his client intended using it for shooting small birds.

A fine of \$300 was imposed. Another Chinese who was charged with the possession of 400 rounds of ammunition found wrapped in some rags and concealed in a basket, pleaded that he did not know local regulations. He was taking the things with him to the country.

A fine of \$300 was imposed. Arrested on board the Empress liner by Sergt. Shannon, a Chinese charged with the possession of two revolver cylinders, was fined \$300.

When charged with the possession of two packages of 32 calibre smokeless revolver ammunition, a Chinese who said he had lived 25 years in America and was returning to his native place, denied the charge.

After evidence had been given to the effect that he has been handing the packages to a boarding house runner, and when accused by a Chinese detective, attempted to throw another package away, the defendant was fined \$100.

When asked to plead in connection with a charge preferred against him that he attempted to smuggle into the Colony, the various parts of a fire arm, a Chinese said they were parts of a shot gun which his master used for hunting purpose in America. He did not know that they were in his luggage. They must have been put there by mistake.

After the Chinese Police armorer had testified to the fact that the things complained of were parts of a Winchester rifle, and not of a shot gun as alleged, his Worship imposed a fine of \$50.

The last case was that in which a Chinese, a seaman on the Empress liner was charged with the possession of 2,000 rounds of Mauser pistol ammunition, and pleaded "not guilty." P.C. Elston of the Water Police gave evidence to the effect that he was patrolling the harbour in the Police launch at about 3.30 yesterday afternoon, when he saw a sampan pushing off from the Empress liner. He searched the luggage and in a couple of grass sacks, he found two bundles of 1,000 rounds of pistol ammunition each. He asked the boatman to whom the luggage belonged, and was told that the defendant, who was in the boat, had put them on board. Witness arrested him.

The defendant denied that the grass sacks were his. He claimed only one leather suitcase and a rug as his property.

His Worship thought there was not sufficient evidence to prove that the ammunition belonged to the defendant and discharged him. The ammunition was in every case confiscated.

VICKERS AND NOTED LONDON HOTEL.

It is reported that St. Ermin's Hotel, Westminster, has been purchased by Vickers, Ltd. The hotel, which contains more than 600 rooms, is to be turned into an office building to accommodate the increasing need of the firm for space. The purchase price is said to be £400,000. No date for occupancy is fixed, as the building, which was originally commanded by the National Service Ministry, is now in possession of the Ministry of Labour, and there are no signs of that department moving.

A MAN WHO GOT LOST.

Mr. Tso's watchman yesterday morning found a man in the yard of his master's house, No. 45, Robinson Road, and as he had no business to be in the house, he handed him to the Police. This morning the man appeared before Mr. N. L. Smith charged with trespass and pleaded that he did not know the locality and had strayed into the yard. He was fined \$10 or 14 days' hard labour.

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and it was imperative that the water supply be immediately cut off to enable repairs to be effected, and, of course, it was impossible to give notification. It must be said that everything is being done to better the water supply on the peninsula and we have had our growth, but now the P.W.D. has the matter well in hand we must have a little patience. It must also be remarked that whilst the operations have been going on the unnoticed stoppages of the supply have been remarkably few.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

NEW TERRITORY ROBBERY.

At the Criminal Sessions yesterday the Puisne Judge heard the case in which Shum Sam, alias Shum Fook was charged with robbery at Tai Cheng Tau, New Territory. He pleaded not guilty. The Crown alleged that prisoner, with another man broke into a house in which an old lady and her daughter were sleeping. The woman was seized by one of the men but the daughter rushed out. The place was ransacked and prisoner was arrested two months afterwards. The accused again denied his guilt and asked that his fingers be cut off and his accusers be asked to drink the blood to test their truthfulness. Prisoner was found not guilty and was discharged.

THE JAIL MURDER.

The Criminal Sessions continued this morning, the Chief Justice proceeding with the hearing of the case against Wong Kwong, who is charged with the murder of Warder Speed at Victoria Jail on December 15. The Attorney General, Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp was for the Crown and Mr. R. E. Bellios for the prisoner. Chief Detective Inspector Marisem spoke to receiving the knives from various people and sending them to the Government Bacteriologist. L. S. Clark gave evidence of arrest and Mr. Bellios asked: What was the prisoner's demeanour? Witness: He was very quiet. Did any behaviour on his part call for any comment?—Nothing out of the ordinary.

Was there any attempt on his part to resist arrest?—There was not. I take it he made no statement at the time?—He only admitted he was the man.

The Chief Justice: What did he say? Witness: He was asked if he was Wong Kwong and he admitted he was. Who asked him?—The Chinese constable.

Mr. Bellios: That is all you asked him?—That is all. Was he armed at the time?—No. The Chief Justice: Was he alone?—Yes.

You went there on information that he was coming from the district?—I did.

Did either of you know him?—No. Then how did you identify him?—Our informant pointed him out as he came along.

Principal Warder McLeod spoke to hearing the alarm and going into the jail. He found Warder Speed lying near the reserve guard room. He found a pass key but his revolver was missing. He found a knife in the office and outside he found a key belonging to the locker in which the jail keys were kept. None of those keys were missing. The torn revolver holster was found outside the office.

Later he went to cell 63 where he found a parcel wrapped up with cloth in which he found a number of tools; also the paper painted green.

Answering Mr. Bellios witness said the two Indian warders did not mention prisoner when they said they were attacked.

Can you recognise the tool?—We use some like them in the carpenter's shop.

They might have been pilfered?—Yes.

Witness said paint of similar brand to that produced was used to paint the cell doors. The prisoner would come in contact with them through being in the same ward. A long conversation between prisoner and any one of the three convicts would be highly improbable. He had seen no signs of friendliness between prisoner and the other convicts. If he had heard of it, it would have been stopped.

By the Attorney General: It would be possible for convicts in adjoining cells to converse through the space in the doors of the cells. The officer on duty had to patrol three wards.

Mr. Bellios: What kind of shoes do the warders wear?

Witness: They are supplied with felt soled slippers.

A. G. Fassmore, Chief Warder of Victoria Jail, was cross-examined by Mr. Bellios. He said he found a piece of chumput in cell 63. This was not supplied to prisoners and must have got there illegally. A piece of preserved ginger must also have been brought from outside. He also found a parcel containing sugar which was not part of the Chinese prisoners' diet.

J. W. Franks, Assistant Superintendent of Victoria Jail, deposed to going into the jail in response to the alarm.

Questioned as to the prisoners' diet, he said that in December the rations were better than during the past few years, as the prisoners were getting beef congee instead of rice congee. This had been recommended by the Medical Officer on account of an outbreak of beri-beri which was thought to be the outcome of the inferior rice they had been supplied with. They had been in the habit of using red rice, but the supply failed. He did not know if this was regarded as good rice. The beef congee was instituted in November.

The Attorney General: Were the prisoners given the approved scale of diet?

Witness: Yes. Apart from the difficulty of red rice were they getting as much in December as previously?—The quantities were the same.

The prisoner said "The Doctor has been deceived I was not allowed half." Is that true?—It is absolutely untrue. He says "We were only allowed 30 per cent. of what we were entitled to." Is that true?—No.

Prisoner says "A good many prisoners died of starvation." Is that true?—That is not true. No prisoner has died of starvation in my time.

He also says that last year—I suppose he means 1918—a complaint was made by an Indian against one of the Principal Warders?—That is untrue. No such complaint was ever made.

Mr. Bellios: Can you tell us how in your opinion a key to fit this gate could have been made without the original?—

Witness: It is quite possible for a man who is repairing the locks—the locks are repaired in the prison—to make a key by inspecting the lock and taking an impression with wax or some other material.

Would this prisoner be likely in any circumstances to be entering round this gate? Is it kept open?—No, it is locked except when the men are going to and from labour.

To your knowledge has that key ever been out of the possession of the Chief Warder or the warder who keeps it?—There are at least a dozen keys to that gate.

All held by different warders?—Yes.

To the best of your knowledge has one of these keys ever been missed?—Yes.

How long ago was that?—In April last.

That is the only occasion on which the key was missed?—The only occasion within my recollection, with regard to that particular key.

Would a prisoner in his cell be likely to have any wax or putty whereby he could get an impression of the key?—He should not have.

Is there a systematic cleaning of the cell or search of the person?—There is a systematic search.

If I suggested to you that it would not be likely to have this putty to make the impression without the help of an accomplice, what would you say?—I would say he was quite as likely to have it without the help of an accomplice as with it.

My suggestion is that it is more likely that he would have the help of an accomplice?—I do not agree. This man, prisoner No. 24, was an expert workman and was employed in the tinmiths shop. Given indifferent supervision he could easily make a key.

When that expert tinmith is at work is he watched to see what he is doing?—He should be watched. He is not supposed to make any prohibited article.

The metal supplied is reasonably sufficient for the article being made?—That is so.

You cannot account for how it has been done?—I cannot.

On the question of food and complaints. Have you ever received a complaint from the prisoner?—I have since the outbreak.

Witness here referred to prisoner's record and said on April 5, 1918, he complained that he was not getting enough food. Witness told him he was getting the proper amount.

That is the only complaint he made?—Yes, about food.

I suppose you cannot tell if a complaint was made to the J.P.'s?—I cannot speaking from my own personal knowledge. Complaints are made occasionally.

Are they recorded?—Sometimes the J.P.'s put them down or lump them together, and say there are so many trivial complaints and that no action is necessary.

Would you say it was possible that prisoner had made any complaints?—It is possible.

Would not you as practically Governor of the jail think it a very slack way of doing things for the J.P.'s to walk round and group complaints together?—No, I do not think so. It frequently happens that a number of men will make the same complaint because it might give it more force. I should not say it is reasonable to expect the Justices to write down each separate complaint.

A complaint might easily be kept by this grouping system?—It is possible.

Replying to further questions witness said he believed prisoner had been in the jail hospital.

You have heard prisoner's statement. What is your opinion of it? Would you go so far as to say there is no truth in it?—I would say there is no truth in it at all so far as to references about food and the allegations against the Principal Warder. There is absolutely no truth in it.

Would you go so far as to say the whole thing is a fabrication and a tissue of lies?—I am sorry, I do not remember all of it. Ask me about any particular point.

What about these presents given to certain prisoners by warders. Is there any truth in that?—I think it is possible, yes. Trafficking does go on. Is there any reason why it should be done in the case of one prisoner and not another?—I can only form one opinion. The men who give the prisoners food and tobacco are paid for it by the prisoner's friends outside. It is quite possible.

In that case it is quite possible that some one from outside brought in these implements?—It is quite possible.

I do not wish to disparage the jail. If these things were not detected it might be due to the shortage of staff just now. It is well known you are short?—Yes.

How do you think this Indian pudding and ginger came to be in the cell?—I think it was probably given to the prisoner by an Indian warder or guard.

His Lordship: I understand you to say there may be some truth in the allegations of the prisoner that Indians give men food and tobacco which is not given to Chinese prisoners?—I am not prepared to say the reason is correct.

Have you ever heard the suggestion made that any of the officers in the prison have been making presents for an immoral and improper purpose? Prisoners have complained that Indian warders have made overtures to them.

The Chief Justice then proceeded to refer to the prisoner's statement and answering questions witness said it was untrue on what he had been told by his subordinate officers. He had made enquiries and the evidence he had given was the result of them. With regard to the civilian clothes a man could easily hide them under the prison jacket.

The Chief Justice: That shows carelessness to say the least, on the part of the officer in charge of the workroom.

Witness: Certainly.

The Chief Justice: That is a matter which is beyond the province of the Court to enquire into. I am only interested in getting the facts as far as we can.

Replying to His Lordship Mr. Bellios said the line the defence would take would be that the treatment prisoner received so preyed on his mind that he was not responsible for his actions.

The defence opened this afternoon after the tiffin adjournment. Mr. Bellios intimating that he would not call any witnesses and proceeded to address the jury. He said that on the evidence of the Crown there was not a single witness to the actual stabbing on the part of the prisoner, or, he would go so far to say, on the part of the other convicts. No matter how carefully arranged the plans might have been, he wished to impress on the jury that the prisoner was not an active part in the attempt, he was a mere cat's paw of the other people. Prisoner had so worked himself up, whether the wrongs were imaginary or not, that he had become imbued with the idea that he was being very wrongfully treated. He (Mr. Bellios) had no doubt that the state of the man's mind had been more worked upon than if he had been left alone. He was in such a state that he did not know what he was doing.

In support of the theory of insanity Mr. Bellios asked the jury to consider prisoner's demeanour in the box. "I understand Chinese sufficiently to understand the remarks he has made from time to time and they are nothing more or less than foolishness."

The jury found the prisoner guilty of murder and His Lordship passed the death sentence.

BEFORE MR. JUSTICE GOMPERTZ.

FORGERY.

Mak Shing was charged with forgery, and pleaded not guilty.

The Crown Solicitor, Mr. J. H. Wakeman, appeared for the prosecution and the accused was undefended. The "witnesses" were Messrs. L. Hyndman, O. A. Smith, W. C. Robinson, C. D. Sullivan, A. R. Stark, H. Stephens and J. D. Osmond.

Opening the case for the Crown, the Crown Solicitor said the prisoner was charged with two offences, the first that on December 9 last he forged a certain request for payment of money with intent to defraud, and second, on the same date with uttering a forged request for the payment of money, knowing it to be forged and with intent to defraud. The facts were that on December 9 the prisoner went to the office of the China and Australia Steamship Company with a bill for the payment of a certain amount of water, purporting to be a bill of the See Wo Fresh Water Boat Company, for \$82.60. On the bill was the name of the Captain of the ship and attached to it was a receipt purporting to have been signed by somebody belonging to the See Wo Company for the amount of the water. A clerk employed in the Steamship Company would tell them that the accused was told to come back again in the afternoon. When he came back the clerk had examined the bill and was suspicious about it and told the accused to wait, meanwhile telephoning to the See Wo Company who sent a foki round. Upon examining the bill the foki stated that it was not correct and that the correct bill had not yet been made out.

Accused was then arrested. When charged, accused said the bill was given to him by a friend and he did not know whether it was genuine or forged. His friend owed him \$10 and told him to take \$15 out of the money he received. The friend also told him that he was a foki at the See Wo Company. Before the Magistrate, accused made a long statement in which he said his friend had taken him to a restaurant in Yaumatei and after feasting him asked him to sign his name

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on a piece of paper and take it to the China and Australia Steamship Company and get some money. He was a little drunk at the time. The friend however would tell the jury that he knew nothing whatever about it.

Evidence was then taken after which the jury found the accused not guilty, and he was accordingly discharged.

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JAPANESE IN THE NEW HEBRIDES.

In an interview with a representative of the Sydney Morning Herald, recently, Mr. Jacobson, author of "France and England in the New Hebrides" and of "The Future of the Kanakas," stated—

The natives throughout the New Hebrides, with the exception of Tanna, were rapidly dying out. The population had decreased by a third in the past eight years— from 65,000 in 1911 to 40,000 in 1919. In the once thickly populated Torres group, which had for some years been a hunting ground for the recruiters, there were now actually less than 100 natives left. The gardens there had gone to ruin, and thus the natives, who had been taken away by the recruiters, could never return on account of the lack of food supply. The decrease generally was to be mainly attributed to the indentured labour system, which removed the able-bodied young men and young women at a time when they should be establishing homes and beginning the rearing of families. Besides, there were the other old causes that still existed—irregularities, the introduction of disease, and the sale of liquor.

There was but one way to save the population from extinction. That was by limiting white immigration. About one white man to every 1,000 natives was all the native population could stand. He had dealt with the subject freely in his latest book, "The Future of the Kanakas." This would not, he was perfectly well aware, be a popular solution in many quarters. It was, however, the only one. If the present state of affairs went on for another 20 years there would be no natives left, and when there were no natives there could be no whites, for the carrying on of industries without native labour was out of the question. The popular notion was that the native labour could be replaced with Oriental labour. That could not be by reason of the existence of malaria. Asiatic labour was successful in those islands where there was no malaria, but it would be another story in the New Hebrides, where, unfortunately, it was so rife.

Japanese were flowing into the New Hebrides. There were already upwards of a hundred there, and a very significant thing, all were coming in under the French flag. Why? His guess, whether a right or a wrong one, was that France, after securing our share of the New Hebrides, might sell out to Japan. It was quite a possibility. When the natives went there would be no industries by whites, but the group would always be a valuable one, on account of its strategic importance, for it had the three splendid harbours of Vila, Havannah, and Port Sandwich. He suggested that the British Empire should approach France and buy out her entire interests in the Pacific. Britain had advanced a very large sum to France for war purposes—several hundreds of millions of pounds—and portion of that indebtedness could be cancelled in exchange for the French-owned islands. If we did not do this some other nation would, and it was fairly obvious, he thought, what other nation that would be. He had no antipathy toward Japan. She had proved a loyal ally. But he did not believe in mixing up zones of influence. Japan's sphere lay in the Northern Pacific; ours on the South and the Western Pacific. "Those who have been fighting for British interests in the New Hebrides have, I am sorry to say, not received much support from quarters where they might have expected it," said Mr. Jacobson, in conclusion. "Sir Bickham Sweet-Escot, former High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, openly advocates French annexation. Mr. Merton King, Resident Commissioner in the New Hebrides, expressed the view that the sooner the islands were handed over to France the better. Most of the officials are either frankly antagonistic or utterly indifferent to the future interests of the group. I warmly urge that the Commonwealth Government should lose no time in taking this matter up. Years ago the Imperial Government promised that they would never give up the New Hebrides without the consent of the Commonwealth Government. Therefore, I say, that the key of the situation lies in Australia, and if Australia says, 'We want the New Hebrides,' they will get them."

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From 12 ft. to 14 ft. Below overtop	4 ft. 4 in. Do.
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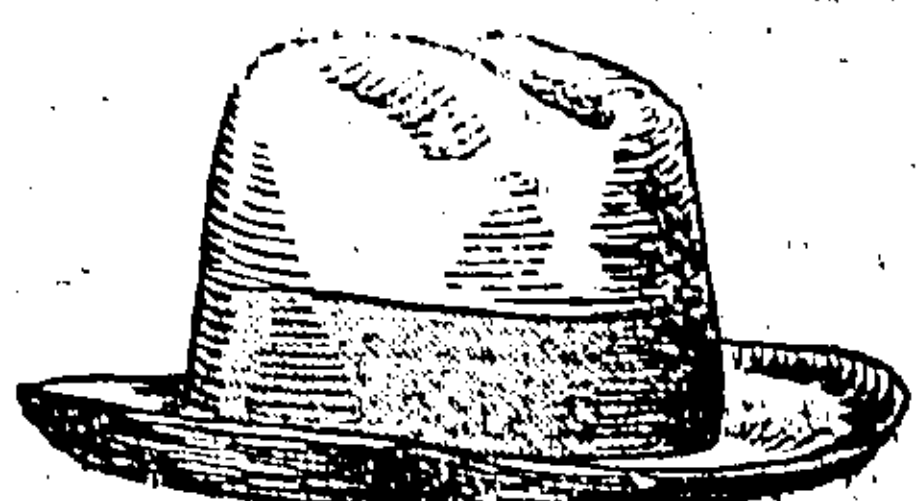
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ITALIAN CONVENT SCHOOL

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

At the Italian Convent, Caine Road, yesterday afternoon, H.E. the Governor (Sir Reginald Stubbs, K.C.M.G.) presented the prizes won by the students of the school during the scholastic year 1918-19, which has just closed.

There was a large gathering of the parents and friends of the pupils present in the spacious reception hall of the school where the function took place, amongst them being the Rt. Rev. Bishop Pozzani, Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, Mr. E. Ralphs, Mrs. G. P. Jordan, Chev. Eless and Mme. Eless, and Rev. F. G. B. Hastings.

The function started with a concert given by the pupils of the school. This was much enjoyed by all present, and reflected much credit on the children and their teachers who must have taken a lot of pains to bring them up to that standard of perfection. The programme was as follows:—

Giovanna d'Arco (Verdi)

by L. Truzzi (6 hands)

Played by Miss F. Neves, Miss C. Horley and Miss E. Figueiredo.

Recitation: The Wind and the Moon

G. Macdonald, Miss T. May.

Hunting Song by E. Isaac.

Played by Miss V. Young.

La Primavera by C. G. Haydn.

Chorus (4 voices) sung by 36 pupils.

Valse Arabesque

by M. V. Rees-Nealand.

Recitation: Address to the Ocean

by Lord Byron.

Good Night... A Kindergarten March

and Song, by Edith E. Mann.

Played by Miss E. Figueiredo and acted by 12 children.

Mr. E. J. Noronha read the report as follows:—

CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT FOR 1918-1919.

In keeping with the remarkable and steady progress which education—especially female education—has been making in the Colony within recent years, the Italian Convent School has again taken another step forward in the school year 1918-1919. The highest attendance yet attained was in March last when 463 pupils attended the classes. The average attendance for the whole year was 406.58 compared with 377 in the previous year, i.e. an increase of 7.85 per cent.

The average ages of the pupils attending the respective classes are summarised from the official report of the Inspector of Schools. They are as follows:—

Class 10 (11) average age 5.5

Class 10 (1) " 7.5

Class 9 " 8.5

Class 8 " 8.5

Class 7 " 10

Class 6 " 11

Class 5 " 13

Class 4 " 14

Class 3 " 14.5

Class 2 " 15.5

Class 1 " 15.5

Special Classes " 15.5

The special classes are thus described in Mr. Ralphs' Report:—

"These are special preparatory classes for Chinese pupils who are at different stages. The classes are very suitably held in the large hall, detached from the rest of the school. There are three classes, which again are subdivided as is necessary from time to time."

The difficulties which the teachers have to contend with in classes of this description with pupils at various

stages of proficiency are sufficiently obvious not to need enlargement. Nevertheless it has been possible for the Inspector to report on reading as being "very good specialty in the highest class."

In conversation the pupils showed a due acquaintance with the subject matter of the Readers and were able to converse with fair fluency.

More than ever special attention has been devoted to the teaching of English Literature and Composition.

The result of this special attention is learnt from the Inspector's report on Classes 1 and 2. It says, as regards Literature that "the girls showed a thorough knowledge of the 'Idylls of the King' and were able to recite lengthy passages to illustrate their answers."

Composition. Essays were written for the Inspector, and were classified as below:—Class 2 (13 papers) very satisfactory 12, very fair 1; Class 1 (5 papers) excellent 5.

The pupils displayed, both in these essays and in those written during the year, considerable general knowledge and intelligence."

The number of teachers in the school has been maintained at full strength according to the Grant-in-Aid Code requirements, viz. 14 (13 of whom are European teachers) and four assistant teachers holding certificates from the Technical Institute as proficient to teach in the school.

The syllabus of the school, as usual, was submitted to and approved by the Director of Education and for the upper classes it was so framed as to conform with the regulations of the University of Hongkong. It was probably due to the University requirements being closely considered in the matter of the syllabus that the success of the school was so marked in the examinations, held under the auspices of the Local University.

Five senior pupils from the school sat for the Local Senior Examination held in July last. All passed: Miss Marjorie Garrod obtained distinction in English and Miss Maria Remedios in bookkeeping. Of the fourteen junior candidates who submitted themselves for examination in the Local Junior section thirteen passed and distinctions were obtained in Biblical knowledge, history, and needlework.

The honour of having her name inscribed on the Lugard Silver Shield for integrity, unselfishness and self-reliance belongs this year to Miss Maria Remedios.

The Lugard Scholarship for the school, founded by the late Sir Horatius Mody, was awarded for last year to Miss Dorothy Barwald and this year to Miss Ruby Rumjahn. It may be superfluous to add that the scholarship has more than fulfilled the object of the founder who so suitably named it after a former Governor of Hongkong who evinced a very deep practical interest in the cause of education in the Colony. The scholarship supplied an excellent incentive to the girls who work so assiduously throughout the year for the honour of the prize. Strange to say, this is the only scholarship with which the Italian Convent School has been endowed and it is hoped that other benefactors will emulate the example of the late Sir Horatius Mody by presenting scholarship to stimulate interest in the school work.

In addition to the subjects taught in the school proper and which are compulsory under the Code, private classes have been held throughout the year for such subjects of great utility as shorthand and typewriting and music, drawing and painting. The foreign languages taught privately besides the subjects prescribed by the

syllabus are French, Italian and Portuguese. No less than 144 Pictorial Short-hand certificates were issued from England to scholars attending the Short-hand class of this school. These certificates were divided as follows:—51 Elementary; 82 Theory, 21 Speed and 20 Full certificates.

As stated above Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools conducted his annual examination as usual and reported the school as thoroughly efficient. The Medical Officer of the Convent, Dr. H. Balcen made his official visit during the year. The health of the boarders as well as the day-scholars was found to be generally good throughout the year and the sanitary condition of the building was also good.

Thanks are due to Dr. T. F. Keit, Hon. Lecturer, for a series of lectures on First Aid to the injured. Very good results were obtained in the final examination when 30 passed out of 32 girls presented.

The pupils of this school took part in the annual athletic sports of St. Joseph's College held at the Happy Valley in April last year. The children enjoyed themselves thoroughly during the afternoon. Miss Branca Perpetua and Miss Maggie Williams were the successful competitors in the race set apart for the pupils of the Convent.

To the benefactors of the School who have presented prizes or made donations towards the Prize Fund: Mr. W. J. Carroll, Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. Ho Kong, Mr. Lau Chu Pak and Mr. Choa Po Sien, and to others who have manifested kindly interest in the school, the Head Mistress, and the Staff desire to record their deep thanks and appreciation.

Mr. Noronha then announced, amid much applause, that Sir Robert Ho Tung had kindly donated a scholarship to be called "The Lady Ho Tung Scholarship."

H.E. the Governor, addressing those present, said that as far as he could remember that was the first occasion on which he had the honour and pleasure of presenting prizes at a girls' school, and he was not very sure of his ground, although he was used to presenting prizes at boys' schools. One always knew what to say to boys. One could give them good advice, which they received with feelings of resentment, but in the case of girls he was afraid he would have to submit to them that he was entirely at a loss what to say. (Laughter.) He would not venture to give good advice to any girl; more especially would he be afraid to do so, as the young ladies had learnt all those numerous things which they had heard of in the report which the Manager had read to them. Being brought up in an old-fashioned school, in the days before the higher education of women, he confessed that he felt a shudder of incomprehension when he thought of many things the young ladies were taught—and so successfully taught as to satisfy the exacting standard of the Hongkong University. That they possessed other accomplishments, which were not required by the University, was shown that evening, and he was sure they had all enjoyed the demonstration as much as he had done. He wished to express his appreciation of the entertainment they had provided them. (Applause.) He noted with interest the passages of the report which referred to the way in which the authorities of the College had satisfied the requirements of the University, which led him to the thought that it was time that the University developed a woman's side. (Applause.) He wished to express the hope that before he left the country he would see some of the young ladies he saw before him, as graduates of the Hongkong University. (Applause.) He wished to take that opportunity of expressing to Sir Robert Ho Tung his own appreciation of Sir Robert's public spirit in providing a scholarship for the institution which so well deserved it. (Applause.)

His Excellency next presented the prizes, at the conclusion of which Miss Eugenia Cabaco, a pupil, thanked him and those present, stating that all they could do to show their gratitude was to "pray for God's blessings upon everyone of you." (Applause.)

LIST OF PRIZES.

The following are the prize winners for the scholastic year 1918-19:—

Miss Filiciedade Neves, prize for music.

Class 1:—Miss Maria A. Des Remedios, 1st Prize and University Senior Certificate with distinction in book-keeping and Prize for the Lugard Shield; Miss Marjorie E. Garrod, 2nd Prize and University Senior Certificate with distinction in English; Miss Theresa M. Gil, University Senior Certificate; Miss Emilia do Figueiredo, University Senior Certificate,

Prize for Biblical knowledge from His Lordship Bishop D. Pozzani, and Prize for Music: Miss Tam Chiu Tin, University Senior Certificate.

Class 2:—Miss Dorothy Barwald, 1st Prize, University Junior Certificate with distinction in Biblical knowledge and Lugard Scholarship; Miss Carrie Tennyson, 2nd Prize and University Junior Certificate with distinction in history; Miss Dolly Hanson, 2nd Prize and University Junior Certificate; Miss Hung Ki Chan, University Junior Certificate with distinction in needlework; Miss Hung Ki Fong, University Junior Certificate; Miss Margaret Holden, University Junior Certificate; Miss Tsang Chiu Ngo, University Junior Certificate with distinction in needlework; Miss Annie Pereira, University Junior Certificate and prize for music; Miss Wazira Rumjahn, University Junior Certificate; Miss Maria Ozoio, University Junior Certificate; Miss Fung Leung Yuk, University Junior Certificate; Miss Lina da Rosa, University Junior Certificate; Miss Annie Dillon, University Junior Certificate.

Class 3:—Miss Ruby Rumjahn, 1st prize for general proficiency, prize for music and Lugard Scholarship; Miss Alice Carvalho, 2nd prize for general proficiency; Misses Caroline Williams and Francis Tseng, prizes for drawing; Misses Elisabeth Ward and Victoria Franco, 2nd prizes for needlework; Miss Nora Leonard, 2nd prize for needlework; Miss Annie Cordeiro, prize for music; Miss Aggie Ismail, prize for application in music.

Class 4:—Miss Maids Chow, 1st prize for general proficiency and 2nd prize for embroidery; Miss Molly Bryan, 2nd prize for general proficiency; Miss Cissy Horley, prize for music; Misses Violet Danenberg, Felicia Tavares, Carlotta Rozario, Annie Jenkins and Ellen To, 1st prizes for embroidery; Misses Carry Chow and Josephine Carralero, prizes for music; Miss Mary Marques, prize for application in music; Miss Goolby Cooper, prize for application in music.

Class 5:—Miss Eugenia Cabaco, 1st prize for general proficiency and prize for music; Miss Stella Joannito, 1st prize for general proficiency and prize for music; Miss Eleanor Thom, 1st prize for general proficiency; Misses Kimy Baretto, Elsie Watt, and Louisa Chan, 2nd prizes for general proficiency; Miss Lucy Pang, 2nd prize for embroidery and prize for painting; Misses Anacletta Castilho, Edviges Silva, Mercedes Ribeiro and Daisy Lwew, prizes for needlework; Miss Angelina Santos, prize for painting and music.

Class 6:—Miss Rose Kwok, 1st prize for general proficiency; Miss Corchita del Pan, 2nd prize for general proficiency; Misses Beatrice Ozoio, Letty Ozoio, Violet Yli Celestina Xavier, Lizzie Thomas, Nelly Fung, Sirin Cooper, Lucia Osmund, Gerrie Choa and Master John Alvarez, prizes for music.

Class 7 (Special):—Miss Annie Fung, 1st prize for general proficiency; Miss May Wong, 2nd prize for general proficiency and prize for embroidery; and painting; Other prizes: Misses Elsie Tsan, Gracie Tai and Sonia Lam.

Class 7:—Miss Marjorie Warnes, 1st prize for general proficiency; Miss Mary Hui, 1st prize for general proficiency; Miss Agnes Tse Yan, 2nd prize for general proficiency; Other prizes: Misses Bertha Thomas, Carmela Remedios, Albertina Garcia, Ashma Hyder, Remigia Elarte, Ines Franco, Alice Hing, and Dionisia Delgado.

Class 8 (Special, Upper Div.):—Miss Daisy Stoppa, 1st prize for general proficiency; Miss Eva Ma, 2nd prize for general proficiency; Misses Cecilia Richard, Amy Chan, Alice Lee and Lily Un, prizes for embroidery and painting.

Class 8 (Special, Lower Div.):—Miss Molly Cheung, 1st prize for general proficiency; Miss Ignes Lam, 1st prize for general proficiency; Miss Mary Leong, 2nd prize for general proficiency; Other prizes: Misses Aggie Leung and Genovieva Roco.

Class 9:—Miss Lina Silva Netto, 1st prize for general proficiency; Miss Angelina Choa, 2nd prize for general proficiency; Other prizes: Misses Maria Remedios, Carolina Maher, Alice Chow, Maria Lopes, Lily Williams and Caroline Ribeiro.

Class 9:—Misses Olga Rozario and Julia Gil, 1st prizes for general proficiency; Master Alfredo Alvares, Miss Violet Wong and Master Jose Rocha, 2nd prizes for general proficiency; Other prizes: Misses Angelina Danenberg, Carmen Silva, Tullie Delgado, Annie Tse Yan and Maria Alves.

Class 10 (1):—Misses Hercia Silva and Sarah Remedios, 1st prizes,

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(By arrangement with Wah Tat Yat Po.)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 19.

The Japanese intend to deal with the Shantung case by direct negotiation. Showers of telegrams have been sent to Peking by the public against such intercourse.

The Peking public proposes to give Luk Ching Cheung, Wong Ching Tung and the others a warm reception on their arrival at Peking. This in recognition of the firm stand for China made at the Paris Peace Conference.

The Peking Government has decided not to interfere with Russian Affairs. A telegram to this effect has been sent to the frontier authorities.

China is going to issue regulations prohibiting the export of iron.

The Bolsheviks have declared that they will not invade China, but a different attitude will be taken against Japan.

The Peking Government has instructed the Tientsin of the coastal provinces ordering them to give Luk Ching Cheung, Wong Ching Tung and others the necessary protection while they are passing through their provinces on their way to Peking.

It is reported that China is contracting a loan with Japan with Wine and Tobacco monopoly as security.

Dr. Wellington Koo reports that he will attend the League of Nations Conference as instructed.

The Peking authority has reminded the Peking Government that the investigation of the Foochow case should not take a long time. The Japanese insist that suppression of the boycott movement must take place prior to any negotiations.

HONGKONG THEATRE.

To-morrow in the programme it is fixed a beautiful drama from William Fox regular release, entitled "The Thief," starring the famous actress Dorothy Donnelly. The story runs as follows:—The heroine, a young woman of weak character but with an infinite capacity for love, has centered her affections upon a man of social position. Without beauty or wealth she has no means of attracting his attention and so, in order to make herself desirable in his eyes, she steals large sums of money from her friends with which she buys beautiful clothes. Her speculations are discovered and attributed to a young man who, knowing the truth, remains silent to shield her. That very love, however, which at first led her astray has ennobled and strengthened her character, and in the wonderfully dramatic climax she confesses her guilt. At this beautiful scene, Dorothy Donnelly proved herself a high dramatic actress in every respect. This drama will run on till next Friday night and during the next 7th, 8th and 9th episodes of the "Red Ace" will be continued. In each new episode new feats of daring events are shown by the popular Marie Walcmann. Always new comics in store to be screened between the acts of the serial film.

Misses Patsy Willis and Josephine Too, 2nd prizes; Other prizes: Misses Cissy Silva, Olga Baptista and Nancy Hip.

Class 10 (11):—Miss Ayesh Dyer, 1st prize; Miss Nethercia Xavier, 2nd prize; Other prizes: Misses Nargess Eran, Cecilia Remedios and Ida da Ross, and Masters Peter Sorce and John Rocha.

FIRST AID CERTIFICATES.

Senior Certificates:—Misses Annie Pereira, Carrie Tennyson, Carlotta Rozario, Carrie Chow, Dorothy Barwald, Emilia do Figueiredo, Lily Tsan, Maids Chow, Margaret Holden, Maria Ozoio, Theresa Gil, and Wazira Rumjahn.

Junior Certificates:—Misses Agnes Fung, Agnes Gil, Agnes Watt, Amy Watt, Bessie Danenberg, Celeste Bolran, Conchita Garcia, Cissie Horley, Elsie Watt, Elizabeth Ward, Eugenia Cabaco, Molly Rahman, Molly Bryan, Margaret Kent, Norah Leonard, Ricardina Cruz, Sylvie de Corte, and Victoria Franco.

EURASIAN DEPARTMENT.

Miss Maria Carmo, 1st prize for embroidery; Miss Delfina Silva, 2nd prize for embroidery; Miss Marian Pompeia, 1st prize for needlework; and Miss Rosa Lau, 2nd prize for needlework.

CHINESE DEPARTMENT.

Miss Ahoy Yli, 1st prize for embroidery; Miss Chang Alim, 2nd prize for embroidery; and Miss Maria Lei, 1st prize for needlework.

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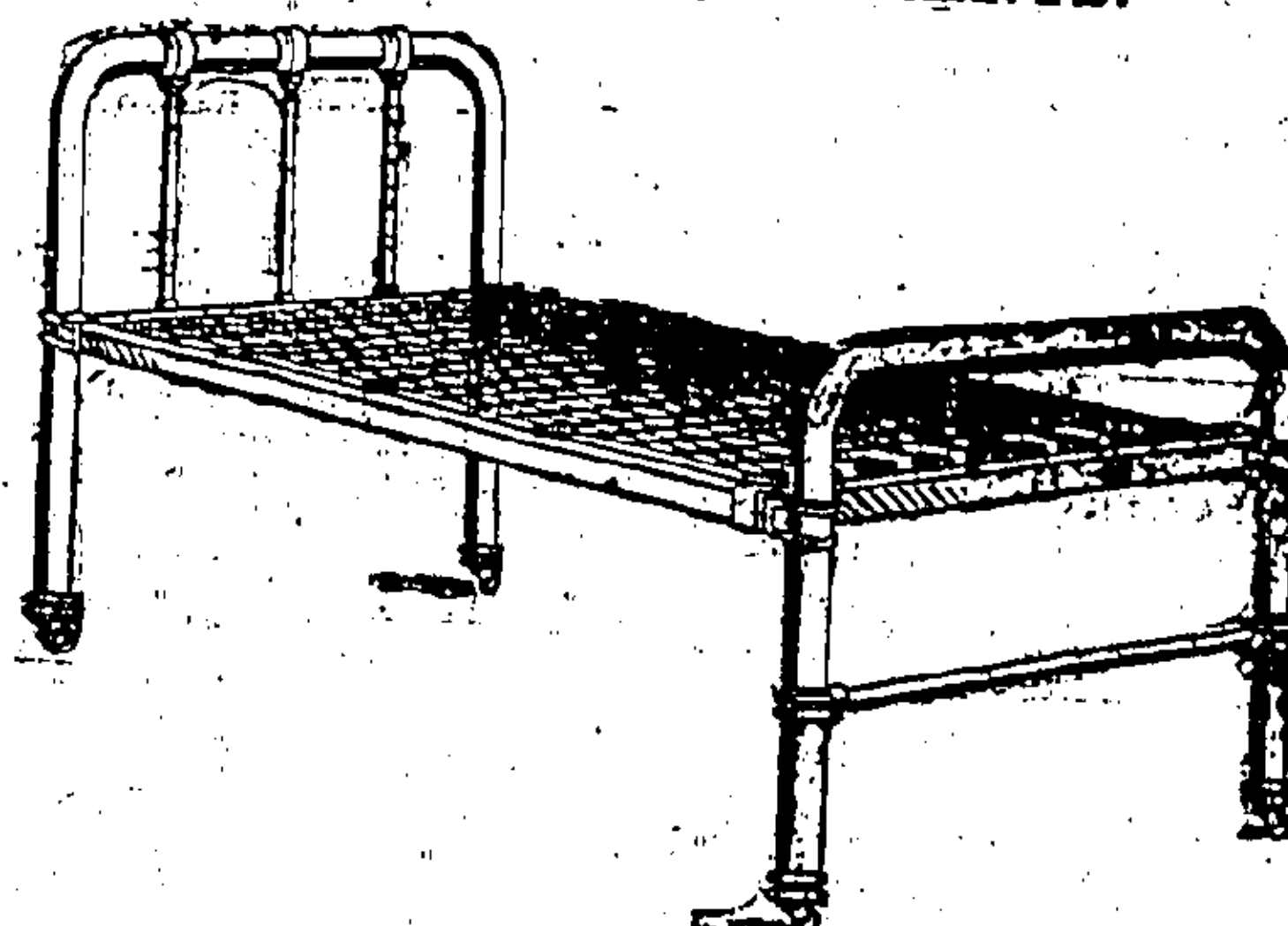
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